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Dear Commissioner,

Attached is my Submission OBJECTING to the Hills of Gold Wind Farm Project.

Many thanks,

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DPE Assessment Report, Hills of Gold Wind Farm

I have lived in the Hanging Rock/Nundle area for 36 years and I am very troubled by this proposed Development.

The DPE Assessment Report advises that turbine numbers have now been reduced to 47 and concludes that this reduction in turbines will lessen the domination and impact of the turbines on the broader landscape.

The DPE may be of this opinion, but not so the majority of Nundle/Hanging Rock residents and tourists who will be approaching Nundle village and seeing the giant 230 metre high turbines on the 'Hills of Gold' ridge line. In the evening they will be looking at the sky lit up by the turbine lights mandated by CASA. The tracks across the mountain face, linking the turbines, will also be a massive blot on the landscape.

Nundle is a charming village in a scenic location, nestled below the Great Dividing Range and known locally as the 'Hills of Gold'. This charm is what draws tourists back to the village time and time again, many of whom end up buying properties and living in the area. They certainly won't be coming here to admire the wind turbines! Tamworth Regional Council has long considered Nundle to be their 'Jewel in the Crown' and it would be a shame to see this change.

A report by O'Hanlon Design, Landscape Architects, dated 29 November 2023, commissioned by the DPE, states as follows:

“The effect of the turbine array on the extended ridge line of the Great Dividing Range, which is a Key Landscape Feature within the broader landscape, will partially industrialise the character of the LCU 05” and in addition states **“The effect of this significant change of character should be carefully considered in the evaluation of the overall project suitability and determination of development consent”**.

The Nundle/Hanging Rock area is not a suitable location for a wind farm with access, transport routes and visual amenity being major problems for the Developers. After 6 years the Developers still do not have credible solutions to all these problems.

One of the 6 recommendations in Andrew Dyer, Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner's Review, released in early February 2024, recommends **“Reduce unnecessary and onerous community engagement by improving the way project sites are selected.”** If these recommendations were in place 6 years ago the Hills of Gold Wind Farm project would not have been selected as a suitable site.

If the IPC rejects this project, the Developers can move on to one of their other projects in more suitable locations and the local community can get on with their lives.